

SHAKES EVERY TWENTY MINUTES

OFFICE UNDER SIEGE

CUMMINS AND WILSON BOTH ASSUME THAT THEY ARE IN CHARGE OF ROAD OFFICE—CUMMINS HOLDS THE COMBINATION—WILSON AND CATHCART TAKE STATIONS IN OFFICE—DOG BUTTS INTO AFFAIRS—ALL AGREE COURTS MUST DECIDE.

As the result of the political mix-up between the Board of Supervisors men have the combination of the safe, and Mayor Fern, the County Road department office has been in a state of apparatus and refuse to give up. At siege this morning. It is a very good humored siege, however, without any forcible means being used on either side. In only one case has there been the least trouble so far as can be found. This occurred last night at the Molihill quarry where a Democratic night watchman was put to rout by the big black Republican dog owned by the watchman who had been in charge under Road Supervisor Tom Cummins. He barked three times, to correspond with the three requests which were made that Fern put motions in the meeting of the Board of Supervisors yesterday, and that was enough. He was not compelled even to show his teeth.

Road Supervisor Cummins and his office force still hold things their own way in the Capitol building and also in the outside departments, though there are very few men at work, for no money has yet been appropriated.

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FORT SHAFTER MAN ORDERED TO COAST

Lieutenant George C. Bowen, Twentieth Infantry, Fort Shafter, leaves in the transport Sheridan for San Francisco this afternoon for a course of musketry instruction at Monterey.

Says a recent San Francisco despatch: "A contingent of officers from about the posts of the bay has been ordered for a course of instruction at the musketry school at Monterey. They will have a full equipment of field accessories, and copies of all regulations and War Department manuals, and will report to the commanding officers at Monterey on January 3d."

"Those ordered are: First Lieutenant Robert J. Binford, Twentieth Infantry, Monterey; Second Lieutenant Luther Feller, Fourteenth Cavalry, Presidio; Harry Pfeil, First Field Artillery, Presidio; William C. Russell, Eighth Infantry, Fort McDowell; Wil-

BRIDEGROOM FEEL STING OF HORSEWHIP

There was a lively horse-whipping scene at Alakea street and Beretania avenue corner last night. Disapproved marriage—spice of scandal—bride is deserted in the honeymoon—her folks go to the groom's house, where one of them treats him to a "Lay on Macduff" with a hefty horsewhip. Such were the elements of the disturbance, making the central location of the incident howl with a prodigious hullabaloo. The marriage took place only about a week ago.

William C. Whitener, Eighth Infantry, Fort McDowell, and George C. Bowen, Twentieth Infantry, Fort Shafter, Honolulu, who will come on the first available transport."

THE SCENE OF THE GREATEST WORLD CALAMITY



The above map represents the scene of the great calamity in Europe. It appears certain now that the total loss of life was over 200,000, making it from the worst disaster of the kind in known history. Calabria, the upper portion of the map, is the southern extremity of Italy, separated from Sicily by the narrow straits of Messina, the bottom of which are reported to have risen 1400 feet. The earthquake centered in Sicily and along the Eastern coast of Calabria, in the regions of Stromboli and Etna, both of which are in active eruption. Messina and Reggio, on either side of the straits, suffered worst. In Messina 70,000 people, including American Consul A. S. Cheney and wife, and American Vice Consul Pierce and family, lost their lives. Reggio lost 20,000 and is desolated and abandoned. It was from Reggio that an illumination of the heavens before the shock was seen. Catania is reported as "one vast hospital." Bagnara lost 12,000 and Palmi 10,000. The shock extended with great damage to Palermo on one extreme and Syracuse on the other. The destruction in the four nearby cities of Messina, Palmi, Reggio and Bagnara was so great that at one time the narrow straits of Messina were reported as "clogged with corpses."

Sicily has an area of about 10,000 square miles and a population of about three millions.

DEMOCRATS WERE OUTGENERALLED AND APPOINTMENT LIST PAU

The municipal mix-up is the great topic in Honolulu today, and many lawyers are discussing it. There is no excitement in the various departments of the government, but attorneys for both the Democratic and Republican central committees and officials have spent much time studying the law.

It appears to be the general opinion that the Republican majority completely took the other side by surprise. Their programme at least nullified all that Fern and his associates had planned out, and immediately yesterday afternoon, after the meeting, W. A. Kinney, E. M. Watson, C. L. Rhodes and other leaders got together to discuss their own future programme.

The city and county supervisors, it is said, may repeat their actions of yesterday at the regular meeting tonight, owing to a question as to the legality of yesterday's proceedings. Mayor Fern's written call for a meeting stated that it was for approval of bonds, and the city and county act says that the acts of the board at special meetings "shall be confined to such objects" as shall be stated by the mayor, in his call for the meeting.

As a matter of fact the meeting appeared to be in progress before the written call was made. Fern recognized it as a meeting by presiding. But the lawyers question whether this made it legal. Hence the "program" may be gone through again tonight.

It is the general opinion that Fern need not have called the meeting at all. He had stated that the first meeting would be this evening, but a claim that there would be no officers unless bonds were approved was made by Quinn, and this moved the mayor to call a meeting of the new board. The officers already in offices would have been able to perform all their duties, as de facto officers, without any action of the board, say the lawyers. Hence all the mayor needed to do yesterday was to read his address and leave the supervisors to their own devices without calling a meeting for them at all.

The resolution abolishing all offices created by the old board is regarded as clinching the situation, as far as the mayor's list of appointments is concerned, for many of the offices he attempted to fill no longer exist. In any event, however, the new board if sustained, will create new offices and the Mayor would claim the same right to fill them.

IT HAS COME.

We have received that large shipment of Tengu Japan rice and we are selling it fast, as the demand is very great. It supersedes all others in flavor and quality. K. Yamamoto, sole agent, Hotel near Nuuanu, England Bakery.

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STOCKTON, December 19.—Though the local officers and several detectives from the Santa Fe railroad have been working on the case connected with the wrecking of a caboose in the local yards by dynamiting, they have not secured the slightest clew to the perpetrators of the act.

Numerous rumors that more explosions would follow, caused the railroad officials to put on several special watchmen to patrol all portions of the local yards and hobos will have a rough time of it here for some days to come. The tramps are credited with attempting to kill the train crew. The wrecking of the car, following the finding of an infernal machine in the Western Pacific railroad yards, leads some to believe it is a crank's work.

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS.

The Alexander Young Cafe extends to its patrons hearty wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

REGGIO STILL TREMBLING

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)
REGGIO, January 5.—More earthquake shocks were felt here today, occurring at intervals of twenty minutes.

14,000 HAVE BEEN BURIED

MESSINA, January 5.—Shocks of earthquake still continue. Fourteen thousand dead have been buried.

RELIGIOUS RIOTS DISTURB CALCUTTA.

CALCUTTA, India, January 5.—Religious riots in which the Mahomedans and Hindus are taking part are causing great trouble in this city. The situation has reached such a crisis that the British troops have been compelled to fire on the Hindus in order to preserve order.

CONTROL BANKS AND RAILWAYS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 5.—President Roosevelt today signed the bill appropriating \$500,000 for the immediate relief of the sufferers from the Italian and Sicilian earthquakes.

REVOLUTION NEAR MUKDEN.

AMOI, January 5.—A revolutionary outbreak has occurred near Mukden.

PORT SAID, January 5.—The dispatch boat Yankton left this city today for Messina. The first squadron of the fleet is here and the second squadron is now passing through the Suez canal.

SACRAMENTO, January 5.—Governor Gillett's message to the Legislature advises legislation against rebates and better control of the railroads and banks of the State.

KONA DROUGHT VERY DAMAGING

CATTLE DIE BY HUNDREDS AND MORE WILL GO FROM AFTER EFFECTS—COFFEE PLANTATIONS ARE LOOKING WELL—CANE NOT SO GOOD—SPANISH FAMILIES EMPLOYED WILL LIKELY BECOME THRIFTY HOMESTEADERS.

Cattle are dying by the hundreds in the Kona district on account of the dry weather, according to Lloy Conkling, the chief clerk of Secretary Mott-Smith's office, who returned from that section this morning. He states that on the Hind ranch at Puwaawaa alone at least two hundred head have died already and that the total loss up-to-date must reach at least two thousand with many more deaths to be expected before the troubles are over. In speaking of this and other matters this morning he said:

"Kona is suffering terribly from the drought. The cattle are dying off at a great rate and on the Hind ranch they estimate the present loss at two hundred and have been compelled to divide their horses and cattle into two bands, sending one to Waimea and Ha-

makua and the other to Huehue. The cowboys on the Greenwell, Paris and McGuire ranches are being sent out each day to skin the dead animals and bring in the hides, that something at least may be saved.

"Of course the principal trouble comes with the calves which are too young to be weaned and whose mothers cannot supply them with milk on account of the lack of nourishment. These have very small chance to get

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